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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination on the merits of this application, which is a continuing application of U.S. Serial No. 07/593,271, applicants respectfully request entry of the Preliminary Amendment and consideration of the following remarks. The remarks address issues raised in the Office Action mailed March 23, 1993, in the prior application, U.S. Serial No. 07/593,271.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, Beginning at line 2, please delete:

"ABSTRACT

F(ab) fragments are isolated from an antibody containing source by contacting the antibody containing source with a papain-polyacrylamide matrix to produce F(ab) and F(c) fragments which are then passed through an antigen-polyacrylamide gel capable of attracting the F(ab) fragments. F(ab)₂ fragments are